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Re: Docket Number E-00000J-08-0314 and G-00000C-08-0314

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Dear Chairman Mayes and Commissioners:

We want to thank you again for your approval of the Decoupling Policy Statement last Wednesday. And we also want to thank you for the significant progress on energy efficiency policies the Commission has made in the last twelve months.

As you know, the adoption of the Decoupling Policy Statement is another positive step towards the achievement of the Energy Efficiency Standards and the alignment of the utility financial interest with the public interest -- which will lead to \$9 billion in lower utility bills for Arizona ratepayers plus more jobs locally and other economic and environmental benefits.

The approval of the Decoupling Policy Statement is the latest in a series of very positive actions by the Commission. In the last twelve months, under the leadership of Chairman Mayes and with the support and involvement of the other Commissioners, the Commission has approved four ambitious energy efficiency policies:

- Electric energy efficiency standard requiring 22% electric energy savings by 2020
- Gas energy efficiency standard requiring 6% gas energy savings by 2020
- Decoupling policy statement (approved last Wednesday)
- New resource planning rules with meaningful opportunities for energy efficiency and renewable energy to compete on a level playing field with conventional energy supply resources.

The adoption of these four energy efficiency policies in a twelve-month period puts Arizona in a leadership position nationally. Energy policymakers throughout the U.S. now understand that the Commission is very dedicated to increased energy efficiency and lower utility bills for customers.

This was a bipartisan effort, with the three Republicans and two Democrats on the Commission unanimously approving all four policies listed above -- voting 5-0 on all four decisions. In a time when many citizens are desperately seeking leaders who can work together, the Arizona Commission actually delivered a bipartisan effort to adopt four policies to help customers reduce their energy bills.

Nationally, many may not have thought that such leadership and bipartisan accomplishments would come from Arizona. But the record is clear and your actions and accomplishments speak for themselves.

At SWEEP, we look forward to working with the next Commission and Staff to help implement the energy efficiency policies and programs, and with the utilities to achieve the Energy Efficiency Standards, to deliver the utility bill savings to customers.

Thank you again for your support of energy efficiency and for your adoption of the Decoupling Policy Statement.

Happy holidays to you and your families!

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